

richer because of the idealism he brought to us, because of the professionalism he has shown us, and because of the friendship he shared with us. And, what I think is most troubling to us, is that because of his sudden passing, we were not able to talk to him, to hold his hand one last time and say goodbye to our good friend. And so, I do so today. JULIAN * * * goodbye. We'll miss you.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, only the residents of JULIAN DIXON's own district can feel as deeply about his loss as the citizens of the District of Columbia, the city where he was born and received his early education. JULIAN managed to serve two districts at once with his extraordinary wisdom, excellence and diligence: his own in California, where he owed his first allegiance, and this city. JULIAN became a Californian when his parents took him there as a child, but he never ceased to be a Washingtonian.

I personally owe much to his wise counsel, particularly during my first years in Congress when JULIAN almost singlehandedly guided our appropriations smoothly through tough terrain. I am eternally grateful that he continued to serve on the D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee although it is a post with headaches, but no rewards. Yet all the provincial service to his own district and ours must not obscure JULIAN's singular service to the institution in posts assigned only to members whose balance of justice, compassion and integrity is perfect. JULIAN's service on the Intelligence Committee and the Ethics Committee came because he was regarded as a member's member, the best that we had and the best that there was. We should be so fortunate to ever attract again a member so wise and intelligent, so collegial and so perfect for this House.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, today America has lost a champion of human and civil rights, JULIAN C. DIXON of California. I offer my deepest and profound sympathy to his wife, BETTY, his son, Cary, and his other family, friends, and loved ones. JULIAN was serving in his 11th term representing the 32d congressional district, was a friend, a brother, and a patriot. Mr. DIXON was a vigorous, tireless fighter for civil rights, cosponsoring every major civil rights measure during his time in Congress. He led the fight to protect the U.S. Civil Rights Commission when it was under assault. He was also a tireless advocate of Home Rule for the District of Columbia so that all citizens would have a voice in Congress. He was held in the highest regard by all of his Congressional colleagues.

He was a champion for the youth of Los Angeles, securing funds for anti-crime prevention programs across the city, and was a consistent and effective voice in protecting the poor. In 1983, he wrote the first economic sanctions law against South Africa, and, in 1987, he authored an urgent appropriations bill to provide humanitarian aid to southern Africa, the world's poorest region. JULIAN was a great leader in the Congressional Black Caucus, serving as its chair in 1983-1984. JULIAN more than any CBC member, defined the role that the caucus has played. In 1984, JULIAN said, "On the floor of the Congress, in committee hearings, before the press and across America, we have spoken out against policies which undermine the enforcement of civil rights and civil liberties, respect for law and order, disregard for personal rights of privacy,

and attempts to infringe on the rights of free speech. Whether it was a president's assault on the Civil Rights Commission, a proposal for a youth sub-minimum wage, efforts to weaken federal contract compliance, to lessen the effects of full-employment legislation, or to eliminate minority set-asides, the Caucus was there to respond."

Today we mourn the loss of the JULIAN DIXON, and send our heartfelt sympathies to all who love this generous and passionate man. He will be sorely missed by the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I add my voice to the chorus of condolences offered to Congressman DIXON's wife Bettye Lee and son Cary. This unexpected loss is such a tragedy to all of his friends, staff, and constituents—but mostly of course to his loved ones and family.

Shocked to learn the news this morning while in Los Angeles, I wish I could be there on the House floor with my colleagues to join in the expressions of sorrow and words of honor. As the heartfelt eulogies flow from Washington D.C. to the rest of the country, many are reflecting on the lifelong contributions and inspirational leadership of Congressman DIXON.

A superb public servant and guiding mentor to so many of us, Congressman DIXON will be greatly missed in the halls of Congress and in the heart of Los Angeles. Again, to his closest family and to all who respected and honored Congressman DIXON, my deepest condolences.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my condolences to the family of JULIAN DIXON. All of us are dismayed at his untimely death. He was a colleague and a friend here in the Congress since my arrival here in 1983. While he will long be remembered for his work with the House Ethics Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence, his achievements in supporting development assistance to countries in the Caribbean and Africa should not be overlooked. In fact, it was under his leadership that the first South African sanctions bill was enacted by the United States Congress.

His death is a loss not only to his family and the people in his Los Angeles district but to the nation as a whole. I will always feel his loss greatly.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, having heard from JULIAN's colleagues from California and across the Nation, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 671.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2903. An act to reauthorize the Striped Bass Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 128. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BACA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of illness.

Mr. FOSSELLA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of his son's hospitalization.

Mr. HILL of Montana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for December 7 and today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. ROHRBACHER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today through December 13 on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OLVER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. THORNBERRY) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CLYBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3048. An act to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes.